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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

An extension of time to respond for 2 month(s) is hereby requested. (X)

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(\$110 large entity)

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- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 13, 15 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A process of forming an integrated circuit, comprising:

growing a silicon dioxide field isolation region on a semiconductor wafer exclusively by means of a hydrogen-free oxidant at a pressure less than about 30 atm; and

forming a gate oxide without a prior sacrificial oxidation.

8. (Twice Amended) A field isolation region among integrated circuit devices on a semiconductor substrate formed by a process comprising:

exposing a field region of the semiconductor substrate to a [dry] <u>hydrogen-free</u> oxidizing ambient at a pressure between about 5 atm and 30 atm [without any wet oxidation].

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